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STEPH IN THE DOC

EMMERDALE

PSYCHO Steph

Stokes may finally face justice for killing her dad's girlfriend Shelly. Her victim's belongings are found washed up on a beach months after she pushed her off a boat.

And Steph (Lorraine Chase, 55) could be jailed for two murders.

An insider said: "Steph's on trial for the murder of her brother Terence. Fans will know it wasn't her but she did murder Shelly."

The bombshell comes when the real killer Dr Adam Forsythe (Richard Shelton, 44) takes to the stand and claims Steph murdered two people.

ACTRESS Charlotte Bellamy will take a break from the Dales soap after announcing she is pregnant with her second child.

Charlotte, 33, who plays vicar's wife Laurel Thomas, and her partner Mungo Denison are said to be "delighted".

And the pregnancy has come at a great time for the producers because character Laurel will give birth to her first baby in December.

Charlotte, who will take a short break, said: "I'm really excited about having a little brother or sister for Sunnie and it's great Laurel's going to be pregnant on-screen too."



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Dawn of the dread

EastEnders

DESPERATE Mickey Miller urges sister Dawn not to fall for married love-rat Rob Minter.

But Mickey (Joe Swash, 24) is left stunned when Dawn (Kara Tointon, 23) reveals she already has.

So he thumps cheating Rob (Stuart Laing, 36) and warns him to dump his wife or dump Dawn. But an insider said: "Rob is a devious creep so there could be trouble ahead."



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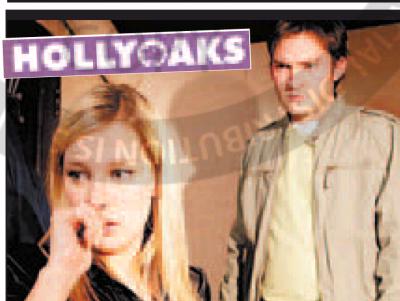


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TORN OFF A STRIPPER

Sexy shock for Jack at his 70th



THERE are angry scenes when horrified Max Cunningham catches his wife Clare snorting cocaine.

The pair (Matt Little, 24, and Gemma Bissix, 21) row when she lies about being pregnant and he goes looking for her. Matt said: "Max is furious when he catches Clare doing drugs."

by KATIE BEGLEY
CHEEKY Jack Duckworth is in for a saucy surprise for his 70th birthday this week when a stripper turns up dressed as a tarty traffic warden.

The pensioner's surrogate son Tyrone Dobbs hires the sexpot to liven up his birthday party after wife Vera says she's going to miss it.

But what Tyrone (Alan Halsall, 24) doesn't realise is that Vera (Liz Dawn, 66) is planning to surprise her son by turning up at the party with a cake shaped like one of his pigeons.

Kiss

Vera's party U-turn leaves Tyrone sweating as he knows if she claps eyes on the dirty dancer he's in serious trouble.

A Corrie insider said: "Jack was feeling a bit lonely at the prospect of celebrating such a big milestone without his wife by his side. When she

turns up at the Rovers as a surprise he's over the moon and greets her with a big kiss.

"Little does he know that there's trouble in store."

"Fans will be giggling as Tyrone desperately tries to get the stripper out of the pub before Vera spots her. But he's not the brightest lad and all won't go to plan."

"It'll be a lot of fun."

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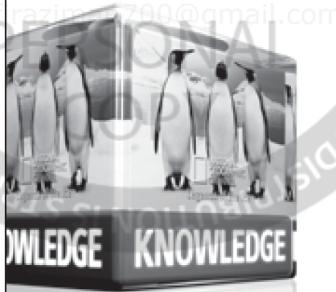
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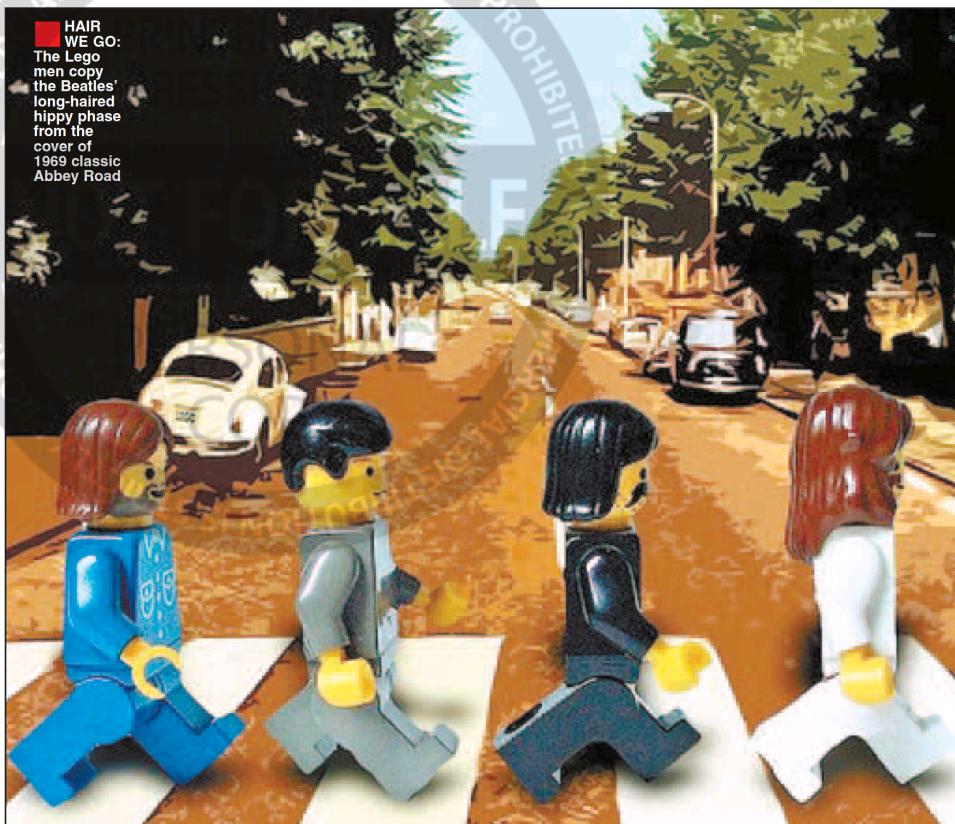
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HAIR WE GO:
The Lego men copy the Beatles' long-haired hippy phase from the cover of 1969 classic Abbey Road



A HARD PLAY'S NIGHT!

Lego Beatles tribute

IT'S the Fab Four as never seen before... made out of Lego.

An internet prankster has recreated some of the Beatles' album covers with John, Paul, George and Ringo as toy figures.

The music legends' faces are as bright as a Yellow Submarine in most of the bizarre tributes.

Smile

But the online prankster has pulled out all the stops trying to get the Boot-Lego Beatles' clothes, hair and moustaches just right.

They even copied the famous military-style uniforms from the Sgt Pepper's Lonely Hearts

■ by IAIN BURCHELL

Club Band cover. Internet message boards are loving the Lego spoofs, which also include A Hard Day's Night and Revolver - renamed Legolver.

They reckon the images could Help! put a smile back on the face of Sir Paul McCartney, 64, as he goes through his divorce battle with Heather Mills, 38.

One poster using the name "BeatleLoverGurl" said: "You should send a copy to Paul. I am sure he could use some cheering up with his divorce. Very cool!"

Another called "eightball" gave the covers a Macca-style thumbs-up, saying: "Funniest pictures I've seen in ages."

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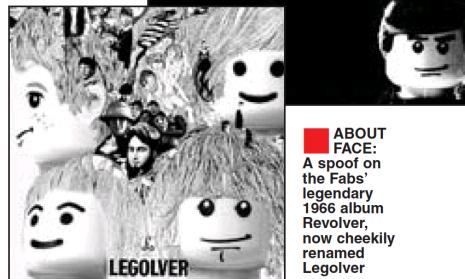




TOY DAYS:
The cute little men recreate the famous cover of the band's 1964 LP *A Hard Day's Night*, left



HEAD GAMES:
The iconic cover of the lads' second album *With The Beatles* from 1963 gets the Lego look



ABOUT FACE:
A spoof on the Fabs' legendary 1966 album *Revolver*, now cheekily renamed *Legolver*



AMONG PALS:
Dodgy moustaches for the spoof of 1967's *Sgt. Pepper*, right

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Eleven players for sale. Owner buying eleven Mour! **J. Mourinho**
 give me tall leggy rachel hunter any day. Who is jasmine lenard anyway? **hunter hunter**
 I think man bags are quite sexy. **am i normal? Longlegs, st helens**
 My mother in law is a right nasty drunken hag, how do i win her around? **Baffless merseyside**
 oasis tunes are nothing like the roses. Liam may have taken brown's style but oasis tunes r original classic rock tunes. how is supersonic "mediocre"? **shakermaker**
 can walk into a shop legally and buy bombs to cause mayhem, but can have a fag with my pint. some laws, any 1 agree? **jr, dunfermline**
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N. KORING,
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JOHN WILSON,
Doxey, Staffs.

I CANNOT believe some folk, the hotel in London that splashed out £350 on cakes for Victoria Beckham. I bet not one was eaten.

JOAN GRANT,
Inverness.

I FIND it outrageous and disappointing that ITV has axed Bad Girls, a series which millions still enjoy - and they all will be just as upset as I am.

What will it be replaced with - another reality show, perhaps? I wouldn't be surprised.

Come on ITV. Let's have a reprieve for Bad Girls.

M. SHATTOCK,
Knowle, Bristol.

THE NAKED SLAVE

Seven years for wife who tortured skivvy

■ by STEPHEN STIMPSON

A WOMAN who used her sister-in-law as a naked slave was jailed for seven years yesterday.

Antonia Pearson-Gaballone, 35, kept Veronica Sandeman hostage in her home for two years.

She was starved, hit with a belt and rolling pin and her clothes were burned.

After that she was forced to work naked for nine months.

Brutal

Pearson-Gaballone, who at first refused to enter the dock to face justice, tried to avoid trial by taking an overdose.

The Recorder of York, Judge Paul Hoffman, told her: "You have been callous and particularly brutal to your sister-in-law, who was vulnerable and dependent on you. "How one person can behave to another with such cruelty is very hard to contemplate but you did, much of this at a time when you falsely imprisoned her."

Veronica, from Dundee, moved to York in 1997 to live with her soldier brother Steven and Pearson-Gaballone.

The couple later married and she was an unpaid nanny to their baby

and the defendant's two children. But Pearson-Gaballone then split with Steven, who moved out - leaving Veronica behind.

Veronica was starved for up to three weeks at a time and forced to clean the house naked in front of Pearson-Gaballone, her new husband Neil and the children.

Prosecutor Andrew Kershaw said: "The beatings continued, but

now on her bare skin and increasingly exposed bones."

Veronica, 26, finally escaped after her tormentor hacked off her hair and stabbed her face with scissors.

Pearson-Gaballone was led from the dock sobbing.

Neil Pearson, 35, was given two years for aiding his wife.

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BEATEN: Veronica Sandeman



JAILED: Antonia Pearson-Gaballone

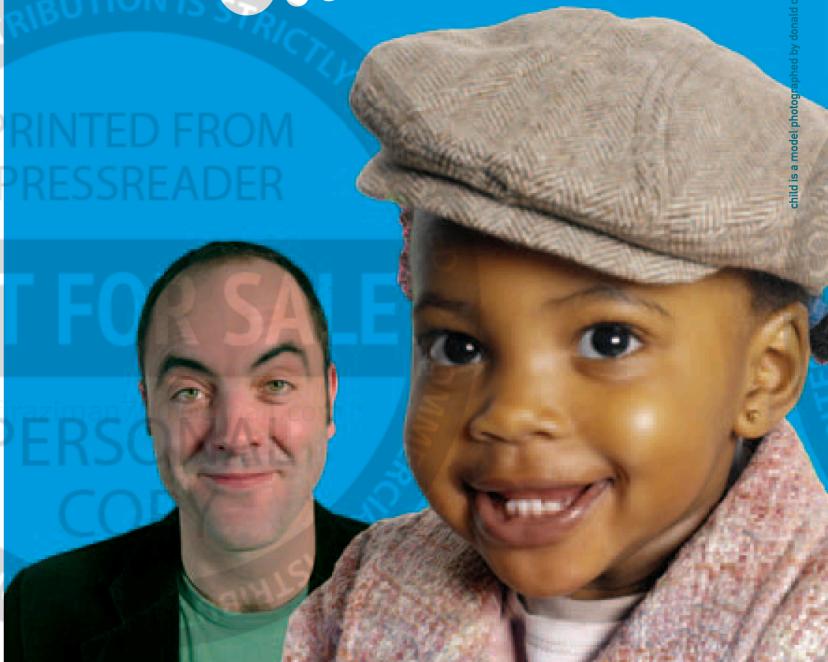
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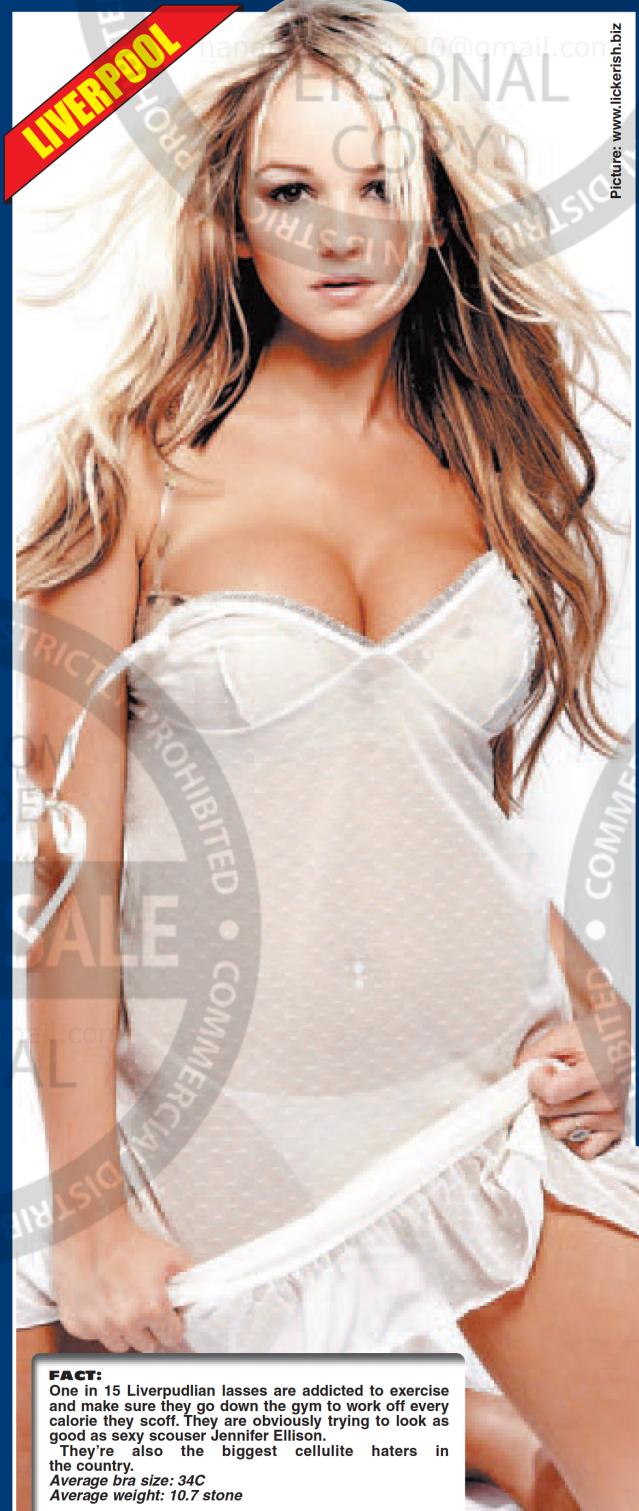


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FACT:

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They're also the biggest cellulite haters in the country.

Average bra size: 34C
Average weight: 10.7 stone

T... YOUR GUIDE TO THE NATION'S BABES

of British

LADS - if you fancy a swell time then you'd better head up north.

When it comes to boobs, Northern girls come out on top.

Researchers have found that Yorkshire lasses have the biggest breasts in Britain.

The Double-D dishes from the Dales are way out in front with a whopping average bra size of 36D.

Yorkshire has produced gorgeous girls like Lucy Pargeter, 27, Girls Aloud honey Kimberley Walsh, 24, and lovely Neill McAndrew, 32.

Other sexy stars like scouse actress Jennifer Ellison, 23, Emmerdale hottie

■ by LINDA HARRISON

Roxanne Pallet, 23, and 20-year-old WAG Abbey Clancy prove it's definitely not grim up north. In fact, it's chest amazing!

But before you all jump on the next train to Leeds or Liverpool, remember there are plenty of gorgeous girls in many other parts of the country.

Hottest

Scotland has stunning Kirsty Gallacher, 30, Wales has singer Charlotte Church, 20, and in Ireland there's Big Brother mixx Orlaith McAllister, 26.

But Southern fellas can relax, knowing they're from the same manor as Kelly Brook,

26. The survey by more! magazine also reveals Irish girls have the smallest assets, with an average of just 34A.

But the girls from the Emerald Isle aren't entirely lacking in front - they're the least self-conscious when it comes to taking their kit off!

Scottish girls are the most body conscious, with one in 12 not wanting to get naked in front of their fellas unless drunk or until they've switched the lights off!

Meanwhile, lasses in Manchester and Liverpool are the most obsessed with their figures.

So we scoured the nation to hunt down the hottest stars and we think you'll agree they're the Breast of British.



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LONDON



FACT:
A naughty 14% of London lasses have told a bloke they're a smaller size than they really are! We'll bet gorgeous Kelly Brook has never done such a thing.
Average bra size: 34B
Average weight: 9.7 stone

LEEDS



FACT:
72% of Welsh girls would prefer to be successful than slim - they're not afraid to be curvy, just like lovely Charlotte Church.
Average bra size: 36C
Average weight: 9.7 stone

SCOTLAND

FACT:
One in five Scottish girls have tried slimming pills. Don't do it girls! Keep it natural like gorgeous Kirsty Gallacher.
Average bra size: 36A
Average weight: 10 stone

WALES



FACT:
Leeds lasses are the biggest junk food addicts in the country. We'll bet Lucy Pargeter doesn't have too many kebabs after a night out, though.
Average bra size: 36D
Average weight: 9 stone

N.IRELAND



FACT:
60% of Irish girls want a boob job, just like Big Brother's gorgeous Orlaith. It could be because they have the smallest boobs in the UK.
Average bra size: 34A
Average weight: 9 stone

Just Jane



JANE O'GORMAN SOLVES
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He's so
wrong
for her

MY best friend is to marry the most boring, smug man. He's vile and we all hate him.

The other night he told me that I was shallow for liking the X Factor.

But she says that she's got to nab him because he's her last chance.

She's 28, an orphan and has no money and no prospects.

He's the first man who has ever wooed her and she reckons he'll definitely be the last one.

Stuck

If she doesn't accept his offer, then she'll be stuck in her rented flat forever and have to work like a dog until she's 65.

She'll never have children or company in her old age.

I think she's mad and that she should hang on for someone better. How can I convince her that she's throwing her life away?

JANE SAYS: I'm afraid that you've got to respect your friend's decision. I'm sure that she's given this matter a great deal of thought. If she really is living a hand-to-mouth existence and has no one else in the world, then he is her knight in shining armour.

You may not approve, but who are you to judge her?

You may have blokes falling at your feet, but if she doesn't then that's a very scary and lonely place to be.

I suggest that you give her your blessing and warn this man to take care of her.

CHRISTMAS HELL IS ON THE CARDS CAN'T FACE MY DRUNK BRO'S FAMILY

LAST year my brother and his brood turned up to stay at our house on Christmas Eve.

He was already drunk and his wife was in a foul mood. Lovely.

They stayed until New Year's Day and during that time they went through £500 worth of food and drink.

My brother alone drank 24 cans of lager, five bottles of wine and two litres of brandy.

My sister-in-law wasn't too far behind with her two bottles of Bailey's, large tin of Roses and 10 packets of cashews.

During the entire week, not one of them lifted a finger to help prepare a meal, wash up or go to the supermarket.

I was boiling and things came to a head when my brother snatched the TV channel changer from my three-year-old son who was watching Teletubbies.

Guilty

I ordered the whole lot of them out and we didn't speak for over six months.

But now my sister-in-law has just been on the phone asking if it's "OK for Christmas again this year". I was so dumbstruck that I simply muttered: "I don't know what we're doing."

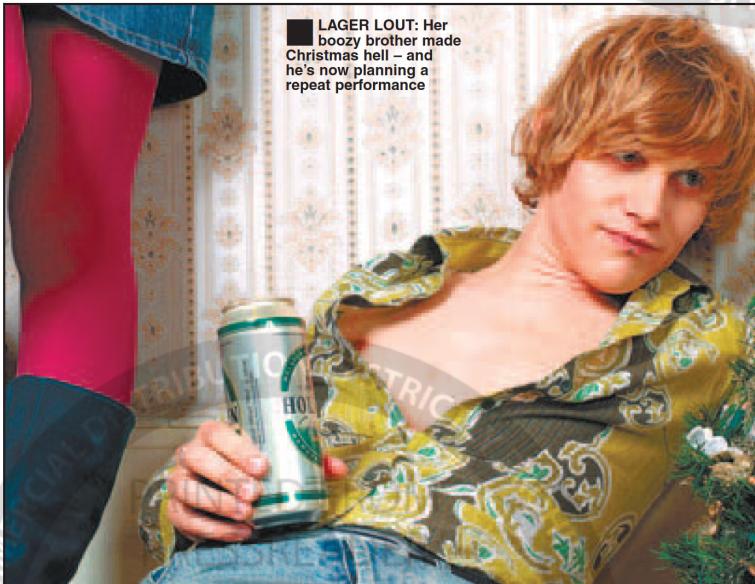
Now my mother has been round trying to make me feel guilty.

She says that if I don't host Christmas again, then the whole family will fall apart and it'll be all my fault.

She won't get to see as much of her grandchildren as she'd like and this could be her last year.

She reckons that I should expect some friction from the family because that's what being related is all about.

As for the work and the money, she says that my husband can afford it and I should be prepared



LAGER LOUT: Her boozy brother made Christmas hell – and he's now planning a repeat performance

to sacrifice my Christmas for the good of everyone else.

I feel like I'm dealing with a bunch of lunatics and I'm the only sane one.

My mother has even got an excuse for my brother's excessive drinking saying that he's only a "social drinker", whatever that is.

Am I really the unreasonable one here?

Would it be totally out of order of me to tell my freeloading family to take a hike?

JANE SAYS: There's no doubt that your appalling brother and his greedy wife are already on the lookout for a free feed.

They've worked out that they needn't spend a penny if they play their cards right.

I suggest that you spike their guns by announcing that you intend to have a different kind of Christmas this year and leave it at that.

You don't have to make all sorts of elaborate excuses – just say

that you've got other plans. As for your mother, you can't let her work her emotional blackmail on you.

What does she mean, she might not be around next year? That could apply to any one of us.

Be strong. Tell her that while you'll be happy to have her over for Christmas lunch, you won't be repeating last year's farce.

If she's so keen to see your brother and his brood, she can invite them to her place instead.

I fear
hunk
will
stray

MY 26-year-old lover is a total hunk.

He's got a body to die for and he's red hot in bed. I'm 38 and my friends are constantly telling me how lucky I am to have him – and I'm the first to agree.

He really is amazing and treats me like a queen.

But I'm secretly terrified that I'm going to wake up one morning and find out he's been cheating.

He's never given me any reason to doubt him, but still I have this unfounded fear in the back of my mind.

I keep teasing him about growing tired of an "old bird like me". He gets furious and says I'm insulting his intelligence, but I can't help myself.

JANE SAYS: The problem is that if you go on like this, then your fear will become a self-fulfilling prophecy. You'll push him so far that he will eventually tire of you and move on.

You'll grind him down with your constant quips and make him doubt his love for you.

I know it's tough, but you must start to hold your tongue and believe in yourself.

Think before you speak and focus on the positives.

Tell yourself that he wouldn't still be with you if he didn't respect and love you – and believe it.



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(Calls cost 75p per minute from a BT landline)

'Perfect' cousin gets the hump

MY cousin is one of those people who thinks she's an expert on every subject under the sun. She regularly lectures me on everything from pleasing my husband to running the house and is definitely getting worse with age.

The other day I had over an hour of her banging on about what a great mother she is.

I shot back: "It must be really exhausting being you."

Now she's not talking to me!

JANE SAYS: I suggest that you let this touchy relative stew for a bit. It sounds like she's become very full of herself in her old age and needs to cool down.

I suspect that up until now, you've always allowed her to walk all over you. You've bitten your tongue when she's lectured you and hung on to her every word.

Now that you've had the temerity to answer back she's shocked and confused, but at least she now knows that this kitten has got teeth.

Call her in a few weeks and suggest a coffee. Simply don't let her dominate you in future.

Stand up for yourself and give as good as you get.

DAILY STAR TV GUIDE

BBC One

6.00 Breakfast (W) (S) 6972533
9.15 Animal 24:7 The Appleby annual fair. (W) (S) 3681303
10.00 City Hospital (W) (S) Followed by BBC News, (S) Weather. 64533
11.00 To Buy Or Not To Buy (R) (W) (S) 7684262
11.45 Hard Sell (W) (S) Followed by BBC News, Weather. 148216
12.15 Cash In The Attic A mother needs to raise £1,500. (S) 7990939
1.00 BBC News (W) (S) 88113
1.30 Local News (W) (S) 80767197
1.40 Neighbours (AD) (S) 77636303
2.05 Doctors (W) (S) 84563991
2.35 Murder, She Wrote Angela Lansbury stars. (R,S) 2116736
3.20 BBC News, (W) (S) Local News, Weather 3486378
3.25 CBBC: ChuckleVision (AD) (R) (W) (S) 1947587 3.40 Arthur (W) (S) 9759804 3.55 What's New Scooby-Doo? (AD) (R) (S) 621720 4.15 The Story Of Tracy Beaker (AD) (W) (S) 654610 4.45 Keep Your Hair On: Celebrity Scissorhands (W) (S) 70303 5.00 Blue Peter (W) (S) 6262397 5.25 Newsround (W) (S) 5496674
5.35 Neighbours Sky realises Dylan has no choice but to stay with Elle. (AD) (R) (W) (S) 179262
6.00 BBC News (W) (S) 303
6.30 Local News Programmes, (W) (S) Weather 755



HOLBY CITY:
Adrian Edmondson
stars in the
hit medical
drama,
8pm

BBC Two

7.00 CBBC: Batfink (R) (W) (S) 3101736 **7.05 Trollz** (R) (W) (S) 2429736 **7.30 Roar** (W) (S) 15823
8.30 CBeebies: Charlie And Lola (W) (S) 1869910 **8.40 Boogie Beebies** (R) (W) (S) 1947007 **9.15 Tweenies** (R) (W) (S) 1947007 **9.15 Something Special** (R) (W) (S) 7226755 **9.30 Big Cook Little Cook** (AD) (R) (S) 6269939 **9.50 Lunar Jim** (R) (S) 7482620 **10.00 Barnaby Bear** (AD) (R) (W) (S) 6588397
10.15 Our Planet (R) (S) 6561620
10.30 Schools 4872587
11.10 Horizon (AD) (S) 7602668
12.00 The Daily Politics (S) 53858
12.30 Working Lunch Adrian Chiles and Adam Shaw discuss the latest business news. (S) 14705
1.00 Schools 86755
1.30 FILM: The Elusive Pimpernel 1950 (U) David Niven stars as the heroic Scarlet Pimpernel in Powell and Pressburger's stylish retelling of the classic tale. With Jack Hawkins. (S) 12827378
3.15 Castle In The Country The presenters continue to look around Burghley House. (W) (S) 416129
3.45 Flog It! (W) (S) 1198465
4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook 6060007
5.15 Weakest Link (W) (S) 3021129
6.00 Sudo-Q Quiz show. (W) (S) 945
6.30 Strictly Come Dancing – It Takes Two (W) (S) 397



BILL ODDIE'S
HOW TO
WATCH
WILDLIFE:
Hampstead
Heath is Bill's
destination,
7.30pm

Channel 4

6.00 Cubeez (R,S) 6658303
6.10 The Hoobs (AD) (R,S) 3621804
6.35 The Hoobs (AD) (R) 3754991
7.00 Freshly Squeezed 72552
7.30 Friends (AD) (R,S) 4720303
7.55 Everybody Loves Raymond Comedy. (R,S) 4632194
8.25 Will & Grace 5456571
8.55 Frasier (R,S) 9997007
9.30 The Play's The Thing Followed by 3 Minute Wonder. 67262
10.30 Make Me A Grown Up A shy student receives a confidence boost. (R,S) Followed by Tate Modern. 57674
11.00 Ballet Changed My Life: Ballet Ho! The daunting task of casting looks. (R,S) Followed by National Gallery. (R,S) 77007
12.00 News At Noon (S) 75026
12.30 Headline Andi Mel try to solve their problems. (S) 3012842
1.25 The King Of Queens Doug loses his wallet. (R,S) 23983736
1.55 FILM: Last Of The Badmen 1957 (PG) Western, starring George Montgomery. (S) 90165200
3.30 Countdown (S) 3725194
4.15 Deal Or No Deal High-stakes game show. (S) 3735281
5.00 New Paul O'Grady Show 3736
6.00 The Simpsons Bart bankrupts Krusty the Clown. (R,S) 113
6.30 Hollyoaks Clare tells Max she is pregnant. (S) 465



IT'S ME OR
THE DOG:
Victoria
Stilwell helps
control
more unruly
pooches,
8pm

Five

6.00 Milkshake! The Save-Ums! (R,S) 78480543 **6.10 Bear In The Big Blue House** (R,S) 26238397 **6.40 Roobarb And Custard** (R,S) 75820484 **6.50 Hi-5** (R) (SL) (S) 6541533 **7.25 The Little Princess** (S) 4328484 **7.45 Make Way For Noddy** (R,S) 5670991 **8.00 Fifi And The Flowertots** (R,S) 8921543 **8.15 Peppa Pig** (R,S) 2308736 **8.25 Thomas & Friends** (S) 5971228 **8.40 Bird Bath** 4168945 **8.50 Mio Mao** (S) 4164129
9.00 The Wright Stuff (R,S) 8200484
10.30 Trisha Goddard Wives consider divorcing unfaithful husbands. (S) 8542262
11.30 five news (S) 3306804
12.00 Home And Away (AD) (R) (SL) (S) 7134465
12.30 BrainTeaser 25387484
1.35 FILM: Memories Never Die 1982 (PG) A woman moves back home after her release from hospital but her fragile state is worsened by her uncaring family. Drama, starring Lindsay Wagner. (S) 42561303
3.40 FILM: Scandalous Me: The Jacqueline Susann Story 1998 (PG) Biopic of the author. Michele Lee stars. (S) 4227649
5.30 five news, (S) 2215200
6.00 Home And Away The survivors leave Kim and Kit behind in the Bush. (AD) (S) 2212113
6.30 In The Grid 2203465



CSI: MIAMI:
Horatio and
the team
investigate
a double
homicide,
9pm

ITV1

5.30 ITV News (S) 61571
6.00 GMTV (W) (S) 8005842
9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show Talk show in which host Jeremy Kyle invites guests to air their differences. (W) (S) 6685674
10.30 This Morning (W) (S) 47955
12.00 This Morning: I'm A Celebrity – Jungle Fever A look back on the best Bush Tucker Trials. 77484
12.30 Loose Women Carol Vorderman joins Kaye Adams, Coleen Nolan and Carol McGiffin to discuss the Pride of Britain Awards, and actress Cherie Lunghi drops in for a chat. (W) (S) 37587
1.30 ITV News (S) 91552
2.00 The Price Is Right Gameshow. (W) (S) 2007
2.30 Dickinson's Real Deal A woman tries to sell her collection of egg cups. (W) (S) 10620
3.28 Local Weather (S) 3576945
3.30 CITV: Pocoyo (W) (S) 5817842
3.35 Mr Bean: The Animated Series (R,S) 4512692 **3.55 Tricky Quirkies** (W) 2918378 **4.00 King Arthur's Disasters** (W) (S) 194 3.40 My Parents Are Aliens (W) (S) 378
5.00 The Price Is Right Double bill. Joe Pasquale hosts an updated version of the gameshow. (S) 5194
6.00 Local News (S) 571
6.30 ITV News, (S) Weather 823



THE PRIDE
OF BRITAIN
AWARDS:
Kylie Minogue
is on hand
to present
an award,
9pm

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7.00 Watchdog Investigation show, fighting for consumers' rights. Nicky Campbell and Julia Bradbury present. (W) (S) 1755
7.30 EastEnders Stacey goes to visit her mother – who makes a shocking declaration about Sean. (AD) (W) (S) 939

8.00 Holby City Abra and Ric are determined to keep the truth hidden when their kidney transplant patient returns to Holby. Meanwhile, Jac impresses Lord Byrne but alienates Joseph in the process. (AD) (W) (S) 7723

9.00 The Amazing Mrs Pritchard Catherine struggles to cope with her secret abortion. Meanwhile, Ros has a dilemma on her hands when she finds out about Ian, Miranda and Kitty. Last in series. (W) (S) 7649

10.00 BBC News (W) (S) 56945

10.30 Local News, (W) (S) Weather 737945

10.35 Imagine Alan Yentob meets the maverick Hollywood directors who are radicalising American cinema. (W) (S) 462939

11.30 FILM: The Royal Tenenbaums 2001 (15) A dysfunctional family are thrown into disarray when the father turns up claiming he only six weeks to live. Comedy, starring Gene Hackman and Owen Wilson. (AD) (W) (S) 401804

11.15 Sign Zone: See Hear (SL) (W) (S) 5970428 **2.00 Sign Zone: Coast** (AD) (R) (SL) (W) (S) 77311
3.00 Sign Zone: Lost Cities Of The Ancients (R) (SL) (W) (S) 42750 **4.00 BBC News 24** 50972

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7.00 Mythbusters Adam Savage investigates whether the gold-painted Bond girl in Goldfinger risked her life. (W) (S) 9397
7.30 Bill Oddie's How To Watch Wildlife Bill observes wildlife on Hampstead Heath. (AD) (R) (W) (S) 281

8.00 Heston Blumenthal: In Search Of Perfection Heston Blumenthal travels to Germany's Black Forest. (AD) (W) (S) 1945

8.30 Digging Deep Andre Smith and Amanda Brooks create a therapeutic garden. (S) 7552

9.00 Horizon Predicting what may happen when the next flu pandemic occurs. The Government's Influenza Contingency Plan highlights the possibility of the strain wiping out up to 750,000 people in Britain and overwhelming hospitals and emergency services in the process. (S) 9561

10.30 Newsnight Kirsty Wark presents a round-up of the day's events from London, while Gavin Esler offers comment from Washington DC. (W) (S) 716262

11.20 This Life Warren realises Delilah is bulimic and tries to help her, while Egg lets himself get over-involved with a cancer patient who believes his condition was caused by medical negligence. (R,S) 487533

12.05 This Life Anna reaches the end of her tether and tries to drive bulimic Delilah out of the house. (R,S) 5213717 **12.45 BBC News 24** (S) 2873934 **2.00 BBC Learning Zone: Key Stage 3 Bitesize** Revision: Maths 1 (S) 27137
4.00-6.00 Key Stage 3 Bitesize Revision: Maths 2 (S) 58514

7.00 Channel 4 News Including sport and weather. (S) 144113

7.55 3 Minute Wonder: Sons And Soldiers Featuring the Passing Out Parade at a UK Army Camp. (S) 441552

8.00 It's Me Or The Dog Victoria Stilwell attempts to control two sheepdogs. (S) 3113

8.30 Cooking It Jun Tanaka gives culinary tutoring to a widower of two years. (S) 2620

9.00 Too Big To Walk? The walkers are failing to lose weight as a result of eating too much, so the group are given a strict new diet and asked to cover more miles per day. Concludes tomorrow. (S) 6587

10.00 BodyShock: Curse Of The Mermaid Documentary telling the story of a girl in Peru who was born with her legs fused together. She became a national obsession when a surgeon offered to separate her limbs on television. (R,S) 7367216

11.05 The Death Squads Investigating the torture and slaughter of Iraqi civilians. Up to 655,000 are now estimated to have been killed by Shia extremists, who are able to act with impunity. (S) 405804

12.05 FILM: Infernal Affairs 2 2003 (15) Premiere. Complex crime thriller, starring Edison Chen and Anthony Wong. (W) 60517601 **2.15 South American Championship Football** 4429798 **3.10 Dispatches: Iraq – The Lost Generation** (R,S) 376446 **4.00-6.00 Channel 4 Education** (S) 43682

7.00 five news (S) 2596649
7.15 Tim Marlow On – Highlights Of The New Tate Modern Part one of two. The art critic presents a guide to the Tate Modern's re-hang. (R,S) Followed by five news update. 6033484

8.00 Make Me A Supermodel The week's assignment focuses on movement. Rachel Hunter and her fellow panelists also decide who to nominate for live elimination. (S) Followed by five news at 9. 5496378

9.00 CSI: Miami A woman is found dead at the scene of a road accident, and matters are complicated by the discovery of another body in the boot of her car. The theft of a necklace worth \$4 million is also uncovered. (S) 5409842

10.00 CSI: NY A corpse is found in a natural history museum, but detectives are unable to make an immediate identification as a swarm of flesh-eating beetles have partially devoured it. (AD) (R,S) Followed by five news update. 5582129

11.05 Murder Trail The conviction of a serial killer known as the "Night Stalker" who terrorised Los Angeles in 1985, leaving a trail of 13 murders. (R,S) 5766858

12.00 The FBI Files Part two of two. The investigation into the plane hijacking leads to a former Green Beret. (R,S) 7194137 **1.00 NASCAR: The Dickies 500** 39681446 **1.50 NBA Basketball** 39801446 **4.45 V8 Supercars** 1063175 **5.35-6.00 Motorsport Mundial** 93728243

7.00 Emmerdale Steph gets a shock on the first day of her trial when the prosecution reveal they have a new witness. (AD) (W) (S) 6823

7.30 The Man With The Extended Mind (W) 197

8.00 Trinny & Susannah Undress Trinny Woodall and Susannah Constantine help a couple with an 18-year age gap. At 42, Tracey is hoping the duo can find a way to stop people thinking 24-year-old Chris is her son. (W) (S) 5281

9.00 The Pride Of Britain Awards Carol Vorderman hosts the ceremony in London's West End, with guests Take That, Girls Aloud and McFly. Prince Charles, Kylie Minogue, Victoria and David Beckham, Helen Mirren and Tony Blair are among the well-known faces presenting awards. (W) (S) 6045

10.30 ITV News Including Local News and Weather. (S) 54533

11.00 Carling Cup Highlights Matt Smith introduces action from tonight's fourth-round fixtures, including Chelsea v Aston Villa at Stamford Bridge and Southend v Manchester United at Roots Hall. 160484

12.05 Motorsport UK The SEAT Cupra Championship and Renault Clio Cup from Silverstone. (W) (S) 5200243 **12.45 The Mint** (W) Followed by ITV News. 64586972 **3.45 Mum's On Strike** (R) (SL) (W) (S) 6623972 **4.20 Date My Daughter** (R) (SL) (W) (S) 9989866 **5.00-5.30 ITV Nightscreen** 13330

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STAR TV GUIDE



...ON LAST
NIGHT'S TV

IF YOU went on the title alone, **LOCK THEM UP OR LET THEM OUT** (BBC2) sounded rather alarming. Perhaps, you wondered, as the programme began, this was going to be the government's solution to overcrowded prisons.

A reality show, where the public vote on premium-rate phone-lines to decide who, from a panel of potentially dangerous offenders, gets released into the community.

In fact, and thankfully, this turned out to be a straightforward documentary about the tireless work done by the criminally underfunded parole board.

Prisoners are entitled to appeal for release after serving only a portion of their sentences. In the past, they were entitled to

put their case in an interview, but thanks to budget-cuts, the parole board now has to make these crucial decisions based on paperwork alone - except in the case of people serving life.

Respect

You couldn't help but feel enormous respect for the volunteers who put their consciences through the mincing machine as they tried to arrive at a reasonably just judgement.

But the examples chosen this week made you wonder if the whole system ought to be scrapped and replaced by a lottery.

Of the three men appealing before the board, only 39-year-old armed robber Barry

came across as a genuinely changed man with little risk of re-offending.

He'd battled with his demons, he'd considered the consequences of his crimes, he was articulate and responsible.

Compared to the troubled murderer Mukhtar, and the scarily unrepentant arsonist Michael, it seemed obvious who deserved to be walking out of the door. And it seemed deeply unfair when Barry was told his request had been denied.

It was heartening to see that we live in a country where people aren't simply locked up - their crimes and their attitudes to them are painstakingly assessed. But it seems the best we can manage is a system that tries to be fair.

FILMS

SKY MOVIES 1

6.00am Deck The Halls (2005)

Festive drama, 44738736

7.35 Project: ALF (1996) (PG)

Comedy, with Miguel Ferrer, 54007858

9.20 Restless Spirits (1999) (PG)

Supernatural drama, 88876910

11.05 Project: ALF (1996) (PG)

Comedy, with Miguel Ferrer, 39815026

12.45pm Deck The Halls (2005)

Festive drama, 38473674

2.20 Restless Spirits (1999) (PG)

Supernatural drama, starring Lothaire

Bluteau, 719823

4.00 Star Wars: Episode IV - A

New Hope (1977) (U) Blockbusting

sci-fi adventure, with Harrison Ford, 72641228

6.15 Path Of Destruction (2005) (PG)

Thriller, with Danica McKellar, 38817620

8.00 Serenity (2005) (15) Sci-fi

adventure, starring Nathan Fillion, 83571

10.00 Star Wars: Episode IV - A

New Hope (1977) (U) Blockbusting

sci-fi adventure, 64615113

12.10am Mickybo And Me (2004) (15)

Comedy drama, John Joe McNeill and Niall Wright star, 819682

1.50 Barb Wire (1996) (18) Futuristic

thriller, starring Pamela Anderson, 152040

3.35 Eye For An Eye (1996) (18)

Thriller, starring Sally Field, 794446

5.20-6.50 Deck The Halls (2005)

Festive drama, 7240972

RADIO

Radio 1 (FM: 97.6-99.8 MHz) 7.00

The Chris Moyles Show, 10.00 Jo-

Whiley, 12.45 Newsbeat, 1.00 Edith

Bowman, 4.00 Scott Mills, 7.00 Zane

Lowe, 9.00 Westwood's In New

Music We Trust, 10.00 Colin Murray,

12.00 Bobby Friction & Nihal, 2.00

Ras Kwame, 4.00-7.00 JK And Joel,

Radio 2 (FM: 88-90.2 MHz) 6.00

Sarah Kennedy: Dawn Patrol, 7.30

Wogan, 9.30 Ken Bruce, 12.00

Jeremy Vine, 2.00 Steve Wright, 5.00

Stuart Maconie, 7.00 The 40th CMA

Awards, 8.30 The Birth Of British

Rock 'n' Roll, 9.30 Martin Freeman's

The Great Unknown, 10.00 Steve

Harley's Sounds Of The Seventies,

10.30 Mark Radcliffe Show, 12.00

Janice Long, 3.00-6.00 Alex Lester,

Radio 5 Live (MW: 909, 693 kHz)

5.00 Morning Reports, 5.30 Wake

Up To Money, 6.00 Breakfast, 9.00

Victoria Derbyshire, 12.00 News,

1.00 Simon Mayo, 4.00 Drive, 7.00

Five Live Sport: Commentary on one

of this evening's Carling Cup fourth-

round ties, 10.00 Phil Williams, 1.00

Up All Night,

Virgin Radio (MW: 1215, 1197,

1242 kHz) 6.00 Christian

O'Connell's Breakfast Show, 10.00

Russ Williams, 1.00 Neil Francis,

4.00 Martin Collins, 7.00 Ben Jones,

10.00 The Geoff Show, 1.00 Robin

Burke, 4.00-6.00 John Osborne.

SKY MOVIES 2

7.00am Loss Of Faith (1997) (PG)

Mystery, 42127262

8.45 Air Bud: World Pup (2000) (U)

Comedy, 903543

10.15 Jungle 2 Jungle (1997) (PG)

Comedy, 87077007

12.00noon William Shakespeare's

The Merchant Of Venice (2004)

(PG) Drama, 35856303

2.15 Loss Of Faith (1997) (PG)

Mystery, 453543

4.00 Air Bud: World Pup (2000) (U)

Famil comedy, with Kevin Zegers, 64194

5.30 Sky Movies News The latest

from Hollywood, 7200

6.00 Jungle 2 Jungle (1997) (PG)

Comedy, starring Tim Allen, 80484

8.00 Speed (1994) (15) Thriller,

starring Keanu Reeves, 65129

10.00 Hostage (2005) (15) Thriller,

starring Bruce Willis, 683026

11.55 The Clearing (2004) (12)

Kidnap drama, starring Robert Redford,

446228

1.30am Passed Away (1992) (15)

Drama, 854021

3.10am Low Down Dirty Shame

(1994) (18) Comedy, 966866

4.55 7.10 William Shakespeare's

The Merchant Of Venice (2004)

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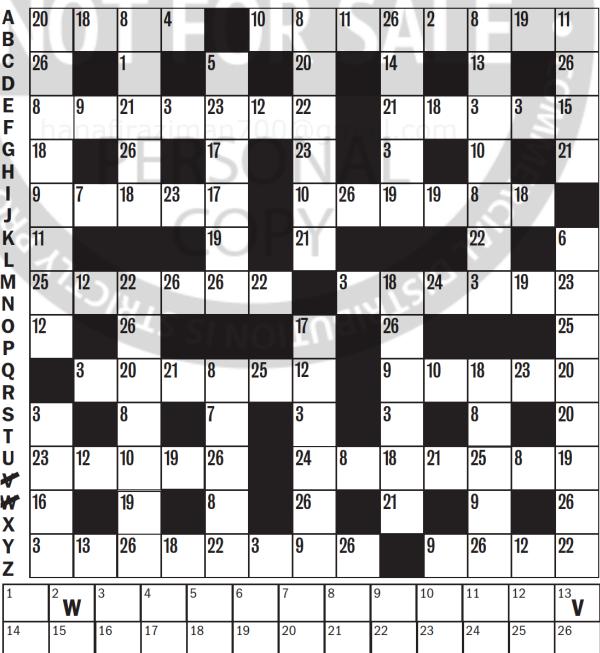
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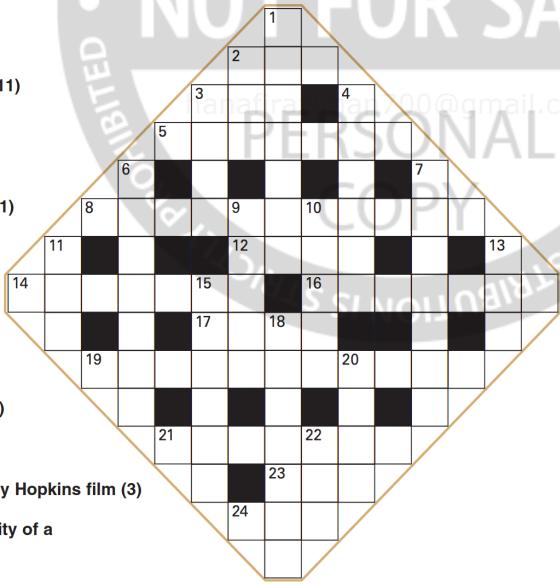
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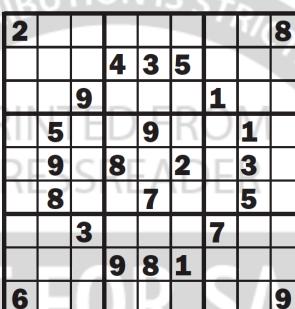
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- 3 University fellow (3)
- 5 Parry (a blow) (7)
- 8 Journey's objective (11)
- 12 Arouse (4)
- 14 Dexterous (7)
- 16 Substance used to fill gaps (7)
- 17 Rind of an orange (4)
- 19 Badminton missile (11)
- 21 Grille (7)
- 23 Wrath (3)
- 24 Enquire (3)

DOWN

- 1 Long narrow flag (7)
- 2 Thee (3)
- 3 Fool (4)
- 4 Hub (6)
- 6 Loaded, rich (7)
- 7 Fulcrum for an oar (7)
- 9 Ait (5)
- 10 Cinema walkway (5)
- 11 Shade of blue (3)
- 13 Howards ___, Anthony Hopkins film (3)
- 15 Rise (6)
- 18 Belief in the superiority of a select few (7)
- 20 Sugar plant (4)
- 22 Peeve (3)



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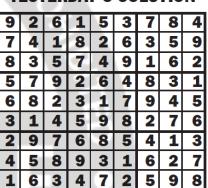


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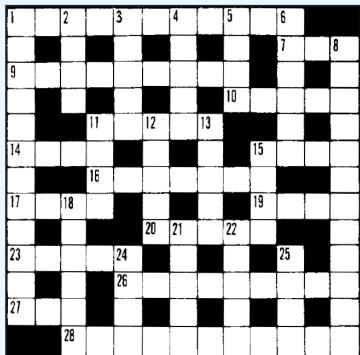
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ANSWERS IN
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Two sets of clues but the answers are the same
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TWO-WAY TEASER

CRYPTIC CLUES

ACROSS

- 1 Went through with personal observation? (11)
- 2 Come into this to achieve recognition (3)
- 3 Routine punishment when you always put your foot down? (9)
- 4 One's grabbed by fat landowner (5)
- 11 Outside work he'd had expectations (5)
- 14 Mineral used in atomic aircraft (4)
- 15 Hit hard upwards in this game (4)
- 16 Quick bike you need to score freely (7)
- 17 Bit of whip left on tree (4)
- 19 Lies in ruins approached by boat (4)
- 20 Contempt for southern crop (5)
- 23 Hard crop to raise in covered shelter (5)
- 26 Anybody's excited to secrete it (9)
- 27 Forming one takes a very long time (3)
- 28 Metal bird at a sky-high price? (6)
- 1 Apologise for low consumption of food? (3,6,3)
- 2 Look furtively for a beau! (4)
- 3 Set kind of activity (5)
- 4 Old lie made up results in banishment (5)
- 5 Copper has students to select and kill! (4)
- 6 It gives pub game players the pip! (6)
- 8 Once free, find changes with identical conclusion (2,10)
- 11 Meat dish to make a mess of? (4)
- 12 Devout President has promises to pay (5)
- 13 It's the same for an Italian (5)

QUICK CLUES

ACROSS

- 1 Knowledgeable from practice (11)
- 7 Possess (3)
- 9 Dreary round of routine (9)
- 10 Scottish landowner (5)
- 11 Wished (5)
- 14 Mineral found in small glittering scales (4)
- 15 Ball game (4)
- 16 Light motorcycle (7)
- 15 Smile from King George at home (4)
- 18 Point, room or suit (6)
- 21 Mind about victory shape (5)
- 22 Where you practice shooting in the mountains (5)
- 24 Hospital has everyone in entrance room (4)
- 25 Powerful connection that gives you publicity (4)
- 17 Sharp blow from whip (4)
- 19 Skye or Man for instance (4)
- 20 Derision (5)
- 23 Covered entrance (5)
- 26 A hormone (9)
- 27 An age (3)
- 28 Large bird of prey (6)
- 1 Be humiliated (3,6,3)
- 2 Look secretly (4)
- 3 Wireless (5)
- 4 Banish from the country (5)
- 5 To reduce the number of animals (4)
- 6 One tile in pub game (6)
- 8 It's the same (2,10)
- 11 Stew (4)
- 12 Religious, devout (5)
- 13 The same (5)
- 15 Smile (4)
- 18 Powerful (6)
- 21 Slice joint of meat (5)
- 22 Distance gun will effectively fire (5)
- 24 Entrance room (4)
- 25 Electric connection for socks (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION: ACROSS – 1 Prod, 3 Accident, 9 Execute, 10 Happy, 11 Intermission, 13 Rumpus, 15 Bitter, 17 Good clean fun, 20 Ashen, 21 Gallant, 22 Singsong, 23 True, DOWN – 1 Premiere, 2 Overt, 4 Cleric, 5 Inhospitable, 6 Exploit, 7 Toys, 8 Surroundings, 12 Brunette, 14 Moorhen, 16 Flagon, 18 Flair, 19 Mars.

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Movers & groovers

NORTHERN FOODS has dropped its legal challenge to a bid to win protected status for the Melton Mowbray pork pie.

Campaigners wanted the famous pastry to get the same safeguards enjoyed by Champagne and Parma ham.

Matthew O'Callaghan, chairman of the Melton Mowbray Pie Association, said: "This is a good day for British regional foods."

THE OIL rig construction group **SeaDragon**, heading for an AIM flotation, invited London bankers to look at the shipyards it plans to use on Teesside. But only one investment team could be bothered to leave their cosy City offices and go north to see off themselves. Hats off to **Lloyds TSB**, which won the business.

THE brace of London football derbies was blamed for an apparent shortage of security staff at Stansted airport on Sunday, according to **Ryanair** chief Michael O'Leary. But an airport spokesman insisted the West Ham and Spurs games had no effect on staffing, dismissing the claim as "ridiculous cantankerous little-tattle".

THE British Chambers of Commerce will today launch a new attack on red tape and regulations which it calculates have cost £50 billion since 1998.

In Red Tape: The Real Story it highlights case studies – including a firm forced to spend £3,000 replacing bay windows to comply with Health & Safety rules.

THE DEALER

HOT GOSSIP

SOME expect **Aveva**, the computer aided design company that specialises in oil rigs, power stations and ships, is expected to report forecast-busting interim results next week. Broker **Bridgewater** reckons the shares, up 22.5p to 623p yesterday, are worth 710p.

Coal kings land a top deal

SHARES IN UK COAL climbed more than 8% yesterday after it was revealed it was sitting on a £900million property goldmine. The new valuation of its 50,000-acre land bank stunned the market as it is nearly three times any previous estimates.

UKC chief executive Gerry Spindler said that up to 14,000

homes and 25million sq ft of business park could be built on their sites. UKC is expected to apply for planning permission before selling to developers.

The book value of its portfolio is just £310m – up from £274m last year – but that does not factor in "significant future prospects". Spindler said: "The

value does not reflect potential impact of planning consents."

The Doncaster-based company is Britain's biggest coal producer and inherited the land during privatisation in 1994.

Most are brownfield sites that are near to towns and ripe for development. UKC shares closed at 265.25p.

FAIR SHARES

THE FTSE-100 hit its highest level since February 2001 yesterday, buoyed by mining stocks and a bullish Wall Street. The index closed up 76.4 at 6224.5 as rising metals prices pushed mining stocks like **Antofagasta** to new heights. It gained 20.75p to 528.5p, a new all-time high.

It's high-flyin' Ryan

PROFIT SURGE DESPITE SECURITY SCARES

By BILL MARTIN

FUEL surcharges imposed by rivals helped no-frills airline Ryanair rack up record passenger numbers and profits.

The budget carrier, locked in a hostile takeover bid for Irish competitor **Aer Lingus**, flew 22.1million people between April and September.

That was a 23% increase on a year earlier and helped send six-month profits to £220m, a 39% rise.

Chief executive Michael O'Leary said the record figures, which came despite the August airport chaos caused by security alerts, showed "our business model can cope robustly while many competitors are struggling".

Dearer

The group's fuel costs rose 42% to £226m but it was able to partly offset that by lifting average fares 9%, and raising ancillary revenues from inflight meals and car hire.

Ryanair said its annual profits were likely to come in ahead of City forecasts, sending the shares up nearly 3% to 620p.

O'Leary said: "Regardless of whether we buy Aer Lingus we are still going to double in size over the next five years."

He plans to increase the fleet from 108 aircraft to 251 by 2012.

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Pluggin' the gap in sales

ELECTRONICS parts distributor **Electro-components** says it has stopped the rot at its UK business.

The firm, which supplies 300,000 components ranging from nuts and bolts to computer cables, said UK sales rose 1% in six months.

The UK business, accounting for 40% of sales, suffered as manufacturers turned to the Far East.

But an improved range, as well as targeting the service sector, has helped restore growth.

Shares closed up 9.25p to 292.75p.

TAKE OFF: Boss O'Leary predicts a bright future for Ryanair, with more planes on order



Windows open for Vodafone

VODAFONE has signed a deal with **Microsoft** to use its Windows operating systems on its handsets.

The deal represents a major breakthrough for the US software giant and a blow to handset manufacturer **Nokia**, which uses a system developed by UK firm **Symbian**.

Symbian, in which Nokia has a controlling stake, is currently the dominant operating software for handsets that can surf the internet and receive e-mails, which are known as smartphones.

System

Microsoft has been trying to push its Windows software on to mobile handsets for years but so far runs only about 17% of smartphones sold, compared to Symbian's 79%.

Vodafone has until now developed its own in-house system, which currently operates Vodafone Live!

From now on, it will ensure any applications for Vodafone Live! will operate with Windows.

Vodafone said it would also support the Symbian Series 60 System and the open source system known as Linux.

But signing up with Microsoft is seen as a signal to Nokia that it will not accept its dominance of the handset market and software operating systems.

FTSE100 SHARE INDEX ▲ Up 76.40 points (+1.24%) at 6224.50

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Brambles Int'l	504.7	+2	504	333	+1	333	ITV Power	222.7	+4	223	172	+445	445	446.7	+4	448	371	-1038	Unilever	1401.7	+35	1404	1128	+5983		
Brit Eng. Grp.	460	-2	753	404	+1	4514	ITV	106.7	+2	128	94	+2145	2145	161.7	+6	164	121	-1038	Unilever	770.7	+6	771	626	+4010		
BskyB	559x.7d	+1	573	478	+3	3882	Johnson, Matth.	1465	+25	1510	1191	+1245	1245	161.7	+6	164	459	-1038	Unilever	1509.7	+43	1510	1190	+4004		
BT Group	285	+6	285	203	+1	1012	Kazakhmys	1235	+22	1370	570	+1357	1357	135.7	+9	136	643	-1038	Vodafone Grp.	1243.7	+1	1249	971	+3677		
Gas & Salt	500	+4	500	399	+1	399	Kelka Grp.	884	+7	911	697	+4018	4018	190.7d	+12	193	1629	-1038	Wolsley	1206x.7d	+19	1462	1063	+3288		
Cairn Energy	1811	+9	2500	1784	+1	3643	Kingfisher	269.7	+3	268	2141	+5968	5968	151.7	+15	152	104	-1038	WPP Grp.	668.7d	+5	706	562	+3283		
Capita Group	527	+1	527	384	+1	382	5263	The service is provided for general information only and is not intended to address individual requirements. Professional independent advice should be obtained before making investment decisions. Responsibility will not be taken in ensuring the accuracy of the information provided or that it may include errors, omissions or inaccuracies. For full terms and conditions contact the Star Helpline 0871 434 1519.	Xstrata	2389	+84	2480	1295	+3421	3421	161.7	+6	163	463	-1038	Yell Grp.	625	+6	635	463	+1026
Carnival	2511	+22	3397	2023	+25	2568	Centrica	334.7d	+3	336	230	+1818	1818	121.7	+10	121	104	-1038	Zetel	121.7	+10	121	104	+104		
Compass Group	285x.7d	+3	286	199	+1	7653	Compass Group	285.7d	+3	286	2141	+5968	5968	The service is provided for general information only and is not intended to address individual requirements. Professional independent advice should be obtained before making investment decisions. Responsibility will not be taken in ensuring the accuracy of the information provided or that it may include errors, omissions or inaccuracies. For full terms and conditions contact the Star Helpline 0871 434 1519.	Source: www.DigitalLook.com											

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LSE LOOKS EAST IN ITS U.S. FIGHT

THE LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE is looking at possible tie ups with its counterpart in Tokyo.

Its Chief executive Clara Furse and the Tokyo president Taizo Nishimuro

have discussed possibly jointly

developing new trading

systems and listing

specialist funds, called

exchange traded funds, on

both markets.

The move was seen as

the latest in a series of

attempts by Furse to see

off the takeover threat

posed by US stock market

Nasdaq, which owns 25%

of the LSE. It has to buy

LSE shares at a minimum

price of 1243p, the value

of its aborted takeover

attempt earlier this year.

The US exchange is

waiting for the LSE's

results this Thursday

before deciding its next

move.

It wants to see if the

figures justify the LSE's

current price of 1268p, up

15p, yesterday.

Analysts expect the

figures to be good.

